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September 25, 2000

Donald E. Campbell
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 5089 – COMPLAINT FILED REGARDING MAILER BY GLORIA MATTA
TUCHMAN FOR CONGRESS

Dear Mr. Campbell:


After reviewing your letter and the back-up material regarding complaint titled MUR 5089, I believe that the organization that I am Treasurer of, Orange County Democratic Party (FEC #C00321943) is not a part of or subject to any actions related to the complaint. The complaint is that a candidate for office has mailed a letter with a magazine article to the voters in a congressional district without providing the minimum disclaimer notice. The candidate, Gloria Matte Tuchman, had placed a disclaimer on the backside of the envelope while not placing the disclaimer on the letter or magazine article. A header on the letter identified it from "Orange County Democrats."

The Orange County Democratic Party (Central Committee) should be removed from any involvement in this complaint for the following reasons:

1. The candidate who mailed the letter with enclosed article is running for congress as a Republican and she is not, nor to the best of my knowledge, ever been a member of the Central Committee and its related organizations.
2. The three people who signed the letters may be registered to vote as Democrats; however, they are not members of the Central Committee or related Democratic Party clubs.
3. The Central Committee Executive Board nor its general membership had any involvement in the letter, its content, and its mailing.

Please call me so that we can remove the Orange County Democratic Party from this complaint.

Sincerely,


Christopher Carnes
Treasurer

CC: Crusader and Jennie Costales

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